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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YAR FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAG

1. YAR FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLA AL-ASNAG VISITED UAE AUGUST 27-28
AS PART OF TOUR OF GULF STATES TO CARRY MESSAGES FROM YAR
PRESIDENT ALI ABDULLAH SALEH AND TO EXPLAIN YAR ATTITUDE FOR BASIS OF
RECONCILIATION WITH SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING MEETING
WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID AND UAE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI,
AL-ASNAG SAID THAT YAR WAS READY TO "FORGET ITS QUARREL" WITH PDRY
IF ADEN GOVERNMENT EXTRADITES PERSONS CONNECTED WITH SABOTAGE
IN THE NORTH AND CLOSED DOWN CAMPS IN PDRY WHICH NOW
HOUSING SUPPORTERS OF FORMER YAR PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL
MEMBER MAJOR ABDULLAH ABD AL-ALIM.

2. AL-ASNAG ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR MEDIATION
BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN AND HE ACCUSED PDRY
OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE AND FOR EXPORTING TROUBLE TO
NEIGHBORING STATES UNDERMINING THEIR PEACE AND SECURITY.

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HE FURTHER SAID THAT ONCE THESE "SABOTAGE CAMPS" ARE CLOSED
DOWN IN THE PDRY AND THOSE CONVICTED BY YAR ARE EXTRADITED,
THE YAR WOULD RETURN THE ADEN PLANE AND ITS CREW WHICH THE
YAR IS STILL HOLDING IN SANA AS MATERIAL EVIDENCE OF ADEN'S
INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION OF YAR PRESIDENT AL-GHASHMI.

3. DURING A MEETING AUGUST 28 WITH UAE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI,

LATTER CONFIRMED THAT PURPOSE OF ASNAG VISIT WAS TO REITERATE WHAT HE HAD TOLD THE PRESS AFTER HIS MEETING. ASNAG ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT UAE ASSISTANCE TO YAR. SUWAIDI SAID UAE WOULD CONSIDER NEW PROJECT AID TO BE FUNDED BY THE ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POSSBLY ASSIST IN EDUCAATONAL FIELD BUT DISCOURAGED YAR FROM PURSUING EFFORTS TO OBATIN BUDGET SUPPORT FOR PURCHASEOF DEFENSE RELATED ITEMS. SUWAIDID SAID THAT UAE HAD ALSO CONVEYED TO ASNAG ITS PRESENT POLTITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD PDRY ESSENTIALLY ALONG THE LINES REPORTED IN ABU DHABI 2219. DICKMAN.

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